11. Whistle boards/speed breakers and road signs have been provided at unmanned level crossings and visibility for drivers has been improved.

12. Audio-visual publicity campaigns to educate road users on how to make a safe crossing are conducted.

13. Steps have been taken to prevent inflammable and explosive materials from being carried in passenger trains.

14. Periodic Safety Audit of different divisions by inter-disciplinary teams from zonal headquarters has been introduced.

15. Training facilities for drivers, guards and staff connected with train operation have been modernized including use of simulators for training of drivers.

16. Refresher courses are regularly organized at specified intervals.

17. Performance of the staff connected with train operations is being constantly monitored and those found deficient are sent for crash training.

18. Periodical safety drives are conducted to inculcate safety consciousness among the staff.

Compensation to the victims of Gaisal Rail accident

493. SHRI S. RAMACHANDRAN PILLAI: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) the number of persons killed in the Rail accident at Gaisal;

(b) how many of them were army personnel;

(c) whether the families of all such persons have been provided with compensation;

(d) if so, the amount paid as compensation; and

(e) if not, how many of them are yet to be paid and by when they would be paid compensation?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI DIGVIJAY SINGH): (a) The number of persons killed at Gaisal accident is 287.

(b) So far 55 killed persons have been identified as army personnel.

(c) No, Sir.

(d) Nil.

(e) A total of 283 cases have been filed claims in Railway Claims Tribunal, Calcutta so far. Compensation will be paid as per award of the Tribunal.